

MRS. EDDY'S FRIENDS
FILE THEIR ANSWER

They Allege She is Fully Com-
petent Mentally.
EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS OLD

Deny That She is in Charge of Frye
and Strang.

TERM ALLEGATIONS SCANDALOUS

Armstrong Admits That He Publishes
Christian Science Literature—As-
serts That His Accounts
Are Correct.

CONCORD, N. H., April 17.—A general denial of all the allegations of the complainants in the suit for an accounting of the property of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, filed March 1, was the general answer made today by the Boston defendants named in the original bill.

The specific denial.
To these representations the defendants filed specific and detailed denial, declaring also that they have no knowledge of many of the allegations of the complainants, and demanding that the complainants furnish proof thereof. They also declare that they have reason to believe that the bill of complaint was not brought by the plaintiffs in good faith, but that "the so-called 'next friends' have been induced to loan their names at the instigation and at the expense of certain evil-minded persons who are furnishing money for the prosecution of the bill of complaint for their own evil purposes, and to advocate their own selfish interests."

Abstract of Answer.
An abstract of the answer of the defendants, Alfred Farlow, Ira O. Knapp, William D. Johnson, Stephen A. Chase, Joseph Armstrong and Edward A. Kimball, follows:
The defendants believe that Mary Baker G. Eddy is eighty-five years of age, but deny that her mind now is, or ever was, so impaired by the infirmities of age, or otherwise, as to render her incapable of managing her affairs and protecting her property against the undue influence, control or fraud of others, or that she is incapable of taking charge and managing the present or any other legal proceedings.

Her Property.
The defendants say, as to the allegations of the plaintiffs' bill, that they have no knowledge of the property of Mary Baker G. Eddy, "except as is hereinafter specifically set forth," and again specifically deny that Mrs. Eddy is entitled in any respect for the transaction of business, and that business has been done, or is done, in her name by others.

The defendants, answering the allegations in the eighth paragraph of the plaintiffs' bill, say that they are in large part immaterial, scandalous and irrelevant, and that they ought not to be called on to make answer thereto, and pray the judgment of the court thereon; but further answering, they admit that Mary Baker G. Eddy is the author of a literary and religious work entitled "Science and Health, With Key to the Scriptures," together with other works which have been copyrighted in her name; the defendant Armstrong admits that he is one of the executive members of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, but he denies that he is the publisher of all the Christian Science works, as alleged in the said bill, but says that he is and has been for a number of years the publisher of Mrs. Eddy's personal writings, and that he had periodically and fully accepted and turned over to her all royalties and profits from such publications; and that the defendant, admitting their respective connection with the Christian Science organization, deny that they have received, except in the case of defendant Armstrong, as above specifically set forth, any moneys or income belonging to Mary Baker G. Eddy or that any such income has been controlled or retained in any way by them or any of them.

The defendants say that they have no knowledge or information respecting the nature and extent of the property of Mary Baker G. Eddy, and deny that they, either individually or collectively, or in connection with the other defendants to this bill, or any of them, or with any one else, have ever wrongfully converted to their own private use, or otherwise misappropriated or unlawfully diverted large sums of money and large amounts of property of Mary Baker G. Eddy, or any such moneys.

Allege Hostility.
The defendants further say that they believe that the bill of complaint is not brought by these plaintiffs in good faith for the purpose of protecting her person and property. The defendants charge that the so-called "next friends" named in the bill of complaint are such only in name, and that they have been induced to loan their names for use in said bill at the instigation and at the expense of certain evil-minded persons, not related in any way to Mary Baker G. Eddy, or having any interest in

her or in her estate, and who are furnishing money for the prosecution of said bill of complaint for their own evil purposes and to advance their own selfish interests. These persons, the defendants allege, are hostile to Mary Baker G. Eddy and the religious principles of which she is the founder and exponent.

Demand Proof.
The defendants further say that they have no knowledge or information respecting many of the allegations in the bill, but demand proof of all material matters therein contained not specifically admitted; and they say they ought not to make this or any answer to this bill, because it is multifarious, vague and indefinite and filled with immaterial, scandalous and irrelevant matter, and does not set forth any cause of action under the laws of the state of New Hampshire.

EVELYN WON'T TALK.
She Refuses to Reply to Her Mother's Statement.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE STAR.
NEW YORK, April 17.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw will probably not make any statement in reply to that given out by her mother, Mrs. Holman, in Pittsburgh yesterday. When she made her usual morning call on Harry Thaw in the Tombs today, she was asked if she had any statement to make in regard to her mother's story, and replied: "I have nothing to say whatsoever in regard to that statement."

Young Mrs. Thaw passed the full visiting hour with her husband. She looked unusually well, better than at any time during the course of the trial, and appeared to be very cheerful. Thaw's mother was expected down to see him later in the day. Lawyer Peabody was one of Thaw's early morning callers. He is still retained in the defense. None of the parties connected in the case had any statements to make, he said.

No active move has yet been made to attempt to get bail for Jerome. It is expected that Jerome was not in his office this morning, and it is expected Daniel O'Reilly will try to come to an agreement with him about Thaw's admission to bail before he makes any move in court.

In case he should fail to come to an agreement with Jerome, it is expected that he will apply to a supreme court justice, probably in Brooklyn or up state, for a writ of habeas corpus or an order to show cause why Harry Thaw should not be admitted to bail on the ground that confinement in prison is undermining his health.

NOTED DIVINES ARRIVE.
New Pastor for New York Church—
One Will Speak in This City.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Rev. C. F. Aked, who comes here from Liverpool to accept a call from the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church in this city, arrived here today on the steamer Camilla. He was accompanied by Rev. Thomas Law, who will address the national peace conference at Carnegie Hall today.

Mr. Aked said the only comment he cared to make on his mission to this country was that he felt he had delayed his coming to America ten years too long. "I am forty-two years old now," he said. "I am older than I was here ten years ago. While my work at Liverpool has filled my time acceptably, I think I could have made more of my time here. I come to America with great anticipations of the possibilities before me."

After the close of the peace conference here, Mr. Law will fill engagements to speak in Boston, Providence, Buffalo, Chicago, Cincinnati, Washington and Philadelphia.

SPONOR'S SUCCESSOR.
First Ballot of Both Houses Showed
No Choice.

MADISON, Wis., April 17.—The first ballot of both houses, in joint session, for United States senator to succeed John C. Spooner was taken today, with no choice. The vote is as follows: George W. Bird, democrat, 21; John J. Esch, 19; Irvine L. Leach, 17; H. C. Cooper, 16; Isaac Stephenson, 17; W. H. Fatten, 16; scattering, 17.

WOMAN'S SALOON CRUSADE.
Believes She Has Command From
Heaven to Fight.

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PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 17.—Believing that she has a command from heaven to make a fight against the saloons on her own ground, Mrs. J. B. Masters, wife of a wealthy Pittsburgher and a social leader, has begun a crusade in which she has been joined by several members of the Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church and choir and the Rev. E. H. Leizure.

Last night the first of the visits to the larger saloons of the district was made. Mrs. Masters' passing tracts and her colleagues singing. There was no attempt at personal exhortation. In every instance the saloonkeepers, apprised beforehand of the coming of the crusaders, gave them respectful attention and stopped the selling of drinks while the little band was present. "We are Christians and want to see the men saved," was the remark of the Epworth choir as they passed the saloons. Mrs. Masters' work has aroused considerable opposition among members of the Epworth Church, but she says she will not be deterred. The crusade is to extend to the downtown districts. Mrs. Masters has her mission headquarters at her home after a night at a fashionable card party. She moves in the most exclusive circles.

Labor Union Condemns Roosevelt.
Special Dispatch to The Star.

PORTLAND, Me., April 17.—The Portland Central Labor Union has sent President Roosevelt a resolution condemning his utterance concerning the Western Federation of Miners. The resolution accuses him of "poisoning the minds of the public in advance of the trial," and terms his utterance "an outrage upon law and decency."



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pose of agreeing upon a peace proposition upon an enduring basis.
The city of Washington continues to grow in favor as the best place for a permanent peace conference, inasmuch as Central American representatives have expressed the opinion that the Washington government would have a moral influence toward bringing about a lasting agreement. The ministers from the various Central American states are exchanging views with their governments on the subject of selecting Washington as the place of holding the conference, and have already assured them that the conference would be warmly welcomed by President Roosevelt and Secretary Root.

THE AMAPALA CONFERENCE
President Zelaya Prevented by Illness
From Participating.

Representatives of the governments of Nicaragua and Salvador are now believed to be in conference at Amapala, Tigre Island, Honduras, or on board a United States warship in Fonseca bay, Honduras. The Navy Department's report of the movements of vessels gives the gunboat Boston as having sailed yesterday from Corinto, Nicaragua, and the gunboat Chicago from Acajutla, Salvador, both bound for Amapala. The mission of these vessels to Nicaraguan and Salvadoran ports was to convey representatives of the two governments to Amapala for a conference looking to the settlement of the difficulties between Nicaragua and Honduras and Salvador.

DELEGATES WILL SETTLE TERMS
Coming Congress of the Central American States—This City Urged as
Best Place for Holding It.

Senor Bonilla, the deposed president of the republic of Honduras, landed at Salina Cruz, Mexico, yesterday from the United States gunboat Princeton, on which he was afforded asylum at Amapala on the capture of his city by the Nicaraguan forces. Salina Cruz is the southernmost port of Mexico on the Pacific coast, and it is therefore possible for the deposed president to continue in safety his flight to the United States or Europe, according to his purpose. After filling his mission to Salina Cruz, the Princeton will continue her cruise northward to Acapulco, where she will take on coal and await orders. Her place in Central American waters will be taken by the gunboat Yorktown, which sailed from Magdalena bay yesterday for Acajutla, Salvador.

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